

Surah 96 Surah Alaq

THE CLOT

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH ALAQ AND THE PRECEDING SURAHs

After the consolation, warnings and glad tidings mentioned in the previous *Surahs*, *Surah Alaq* urges Muslims to constantly recite the Qur'aan and to remain steadfast in their belief in *Towheed*.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

Surah Alaq may be summarised as follows:

- * In verses 1 to 5, Allaah advises *Rasulullaah* ﷺ not to be perturbed by his opponents and to continue reciting the Qur'aan and propagating Islaam taking Allaah's name.
- * Verses 6 and 7 highlight man's insolence, while verse 8 warns people that they will have to return to Allaah.
- * In verses 9 to 14 the rebellious and insubordinate are rebuked.
- * Verses 15 to 18 warn about the *Aakhirah*.
- * Verse 19 addresses *Rasulullaah* ﷺ and once again urges steadfastness.

سُورَةُ الْاِلَاقِ مَكِّيَّةٌ وَهِيَ تِسْعٌ عَشْرَةَ اِيَةً

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

اقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِیْ خَلَقَ ۝١

1. (O Rasoolullaah ﷺ!) **Read** (whatever Qur'aan has been revealed to you) in the name of your Rabb Who created (everything)...

خَلَقَ الْاِنْسَانَ مِنْ عَلَقٍ ۝٢

2. ...Who created man from a clot of blood (which forms at conception and then develops into the child).

اقْرَأْ وَرَبُّكَ الْاَكْرَمُ ۝٣

3. Read and your Rabb is most Magnanimous...

الَّذِیْ عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ ۝٤

4. ...Who taught (the literate ones) by the pen (through books).

عَلَّمَ الْاِنْسَانَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ ۝٥

5. (However, even without any means like pens and books,) He (also directly) taught man what he did not know. (All man's knowledge comes from Allaah because Allaah gave man the means of acquiring knowledge as well.)

كَلَّا اِنَّ الْاِنْسَانَ لِرَبِّهِۦٓ اَكْفَرٌ ۝٦

6. (However,) It is a fact that man (the Kaafir) is rebellious (even exceeding the bounds of humanity)...

اَنْ يَّرَٓاهُ اسْتَغْنٰی ۝٧

7. ...because he considers himself to be independent. (This belief is foolish since man is dependant on the creation and is always dependent on Allaah.)

إِنَّ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ الرُّجْعَىٰ ۖ

8. Verily the return (of every person on the Day of Qiyaamah) shall be to your Rabb.

أَرَأَيْتَ الَّذِي يَنْهَىٰ

9. (Referring to Abu Jahal who was the arch-enemy of Rasulullaah ﷺ, Allaah says,) Tell Me about the one who prevents...

عَبْدًا إِذَا صَلَّىٰ ۚ

10. ...a servant (of Allaah, namely Rasulullaah ﷺ) when he performs salaah.

أَرَأَيْتَ إِنْ كَانَ عَلَىٰ الْهُدَىٰ

11. Tell Me, what if the servant (of Allaah) is upon guidance...

أَوْ أَمَرَ بِالتَّقْوَىٰ ۚ

12. ...or enjoins Taqwa? (Ordinarily preventing anyone from worship is a terrible act, it is even worse when the one being prevented is a good person and the one preventing him is a sinful Kaafir.)

أَرَأَيْتَ إِنْ كَذَّبَ وَتَوَلَّىٰ ۖ

13. Tell Me, what if he (Abu Jahal) rejects (the truth of Islaam) and turns away (from even listening to it)? (What will then become of him?)

أَلَمْ يَعْلَم بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ يَرَىٰ ۚ

14. Does he not know that Allaah is watching (everything he does and will punish him for his evil) ?

كَلَّا لَئِنْ لَّمْ يَنْتَهِ لَنَسْفَعًا بِالنَّاصِيَةِ ۚ

15. Never! (He should not be doing this!) If (after being cautioned,) he does not desist (but chooses to continue opposing Islaam and the Muslims), We shall definitely drag him (to Jahannam) by the forelocks...

نَاصِيَةٍ كَاذِبَةٍ خَاطِئَةٍ ۚ

16. ...(by) his lying, sinning forelocks.

فَلْيَدْعُ نَادِيَهُ ۖ

17. Then let him call his assembly (of friends and associates to assist him).

سَدْعُ الرِّبَانِيَّةِ ۙ

18. We shall call those who (forcefully) **push** (people into Jahannam, referring to the angels of punishment stationed in Jahannam, each of whom is more powerful than all of mankind).

كَلَّا لَا تُطِيعُهُ وَاسْجُدْ وَاقْتَرِبْ ۝١٩



19..Never! (His acts cannot be condoned.) **You** (O Rasulullaah ﷺ) **should never obey him** (in the future just as you had never done in the past)! **Continue prostrating** (performing salaah without being intimidated by anyone) **and** (continue) **drawing closer** (to Allaah). (One who recites or hears this verse being recited should perform Sajdah).